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JUDY CHU ANNOUNCES IMPROVED E-FILE, CREDIT CARD OPTIONS

Judy Chu, Vice Chair of the Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced a major expansion of the BOE's Free Electronic Filing Services and improved credit card payment options for all BOE programs.

Starting Monday, May 7, the option of a free Sales Tax E-file service will be offered to an additional 62,000 businesses for the first time. Businesses with only one location that pre-pay on a quarterly basis will be able to access the E-file system at www.boe.ca.gov, file their returns and make their prepayments electronically.

The BOE launched its first free E-file system in 2005. Over 750,000 businesses are currently eligible for the service.

The goal of the e-file program is to offer taxpayers a fast and convenient method of reporting, enhance the ease of filing, and improve government efficiencies in tax administration.

The newly eligible businesses will receive notices in their next quarterly tax returns, expected around July 1.

Beginning in 2008, e-filers will have the additional option of paying by check. Electronic forms of payment are currently required for e-file programs.

The BOE has also broadened the option to make payments via credit card to all taxes and fees it collects. Besides sales tax, the Board also administers levies on alcohol, fuel, tobacco, tires, lumber, and a number of other environmental fees.

Taxpayers may use Discover, MasterCard, American Express and Visa. A convenience fee is charged and retained by the credit card processor.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly $53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Related Links:

- E-File Program
- Frequently Asked Questions

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